

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 21, 2008. The Office Action rejected claims 1, 6, 7, 13-15, 20 and 21, objected to claims 5, 10, 11, 18, 22 and 23 and withdrew from consideration claims 3, 4, 9, 12, 17, 19 and 25. Applicant has amended claims 1, 7, 10, 15, 20 and 23. Applicant has canceled claims 3-5, 9, 11-12, 17-19, 22 and 25. The application currently includes claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 13-15, 20, 21 and 23.

The Office Action rejected independent claims 1, 7, 15 and 20 as being unpatentable over Dobrovolny, U.S. Patent No. 6,042,541 in view of Tashiro, U.S. Patent No. 4,599,011. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the objected to subject matter of claim 5. As such, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 and dependent claim 6 is in allowable form. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 6 are respectfully requested.

With respect to claim 7, Applicant has amended claim 7 to include the objected to subject matter of claim 11. With the inclusion of the objected to subject matter of claim 11, Applicant submits that claim 7 is also allowable over the combination of the Dobrovolny patent in view of the Tashiro patent. Reconsideration and allowance of independent claim 7 and dependent claims 10, 13 and 14 are respectfully requested.

With respect to independent claim 15, claim 15 has been amended to include the objected to subject matter of claim 18. With the Amendment to claim 15, Applicant submits that claim 15 is allowable over the combination of the Dobrovolny patent in view of the Tashiro patent. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 15 are respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended claim 20 to include the objected to subject matter of claim 22. With the inclusion of the objected to subject matter of claim 22 in claim 20, Applicant submits that claim 20 is in allowable form. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 20 and dependent claims 21 and 23 are respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in allowable form. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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